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Echoes of Their Minds















Chapter 1 by Emily

My name is Melissa Golden. I am just a regular high school senior, or so I thought. I am not very popular and not much to look at. I just kind of float through life being average. Well until that one day.

It was the middle of summer, and it was another normal day. I stayed at home and did nothing except read the occasional book or go online. I wished so badly for even just one friend I could talk to, but everyone always seemed to avoid me. I went into the kitchen to grab a snack and sitting at my kitchen table was a boy in my grade I recognized.

"What are you doing here? And, more importantly, did you break in?" I asked shocked at the sight of him.

"Melissa, ask one of parents to come here," was all he replied with.

"Um....Okay," I muttered. "Mom, can you come in here for a second?"

"What's up, honey?" she asked as she walked in. Liust pointed to our kitchen table. She looked at

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"They won't be able to see or hear me, Melissa. I am here because we have a special mind link. You, four others around our age, and I all have this link together," he said.

"Why? Why do we have this link?"

"Because we are all superheroes, Melissa. And you are a mind reader."

Chapter 2 by Audrey 5



"Okay, that's great." I grabbed the house key and pushed the boy through the door frame.

"Wait! What are you doing?" he shouted, his voice muffled from the glass.

"Dude, for all I know, you could be some superhero geek who just broke into my house," I said as the locked clicked into place.

"But... but... didn't you see?" he stammered.

I scowled. "Yeah, I don't know if you noticed or not, but my mom can't see very well, so if you would go back and read your little five-cent Batman comics on your couch, I would really appreciate it."

There was a steady swish as the blinds zipped down and blocked the boy out. I started walking back to the kitchen table to finish my blueberry granola bar sitting on the counter. There was a bit of yelling and banging happening outside, but I decided to wait it out. One teenager can only scream for so long.

I was taking my finishing bites when my head lit with pain.

I dropped to the floor. Holding my head and writhing on the ground, I looked as if I was crazy. But nothing had ever hurt so much.

Pain. Agony.



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And suddenly, as if I had commanded it to, the pain receded. My skull still ached like I had hit it on something, but other than that, all was as it was before, and I lay there thinking.

"Convinced?" A voice called, sounding smug.

I whipped oven the door to face the boy with his arms crossed and a smirk on his face.

"This better be good," I huffed as the boy stepped inside, brimming with pride at his victory.

Chapter 3 by Richard Fan



The boy resumed led me over to the kitchen table, radiating waves of happiness.

I sat on the table across from him glowering at his smug "super" kid face, I mean, he didn't even get straight A's.

"Well, we don't have all afternoon," the boy said enthusiastically, "Ummm, you guys can all show your selves now."

Almost instantly, three other kids appeared sitting at the table. "Woah," I said, "where the hell did you guys come from."

"Hi Melissa," they said shyly, "welcome to the team."

"So, I can destroy minds, you can read minds, David can manipulate minds, Aria can heal minds, and Alexa has all the knowledge in the world."

"Why can't I read minds though?" I asked kind-of jealous. "You're not ready," they all answered simply. "Come with us, we will show you how our life really works now.

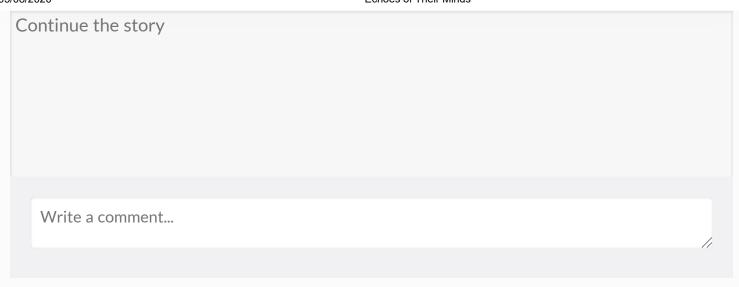
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